

Ruddington Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Happy Christmas

To all residents, businesses, employees and visitors from councillors and staff at Ruddington Parish Council.



Ruddington is well lit up this Christmas. The Parish Council has put up over 70 trees this year. Thanks to those businesses who make a donation towards the cost of the tree itself.



New this year is a big tree outside St. Peter's Room - which should have been decorated by local children by the time this newsletter is out. The business windows look wonderfully festive - which will win the prize?



Santa and his Sleigh will be in the Village again this Year



The Rotary Club of Keyworth and Ruddington will be bringing Santa to the village again this year in the evening.

Tuesday: 10 December: Churchill Drive / Old Station Rd and Pasture Lane Estates.

Tuesday 17 December: Camelot St / Clifton Lane / Packman Dr and Rufford Rd.

Thursday 19th December: Musters Rd / Barleylands and Elms Park.

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Youth Club to Close?

The County Council is facing enormous financial pressure and is consulting on some ways of saving money. One proposal is that the Ruddington Youth and Community Centre be closed from October 2014. This will mean that there will be no organised youth provision available unless people are willing to travel to West Bridgford.

Ruddington Council has decided to consult with the most important group, the young people who use the Centre, before responding to the County. We are fortunate to have councillors with experience of youth work and with open minds about the best way to cater for the needs of Ruddington's young people.

The economic realities are such that there is a challenge to be met. Ruddington Council is facing that challenge head on and is not getting drawn into the attempts by some at County Hall to politicise the debate. This is about the needs of young people in Ruddington and not about the needs of anyone else.

If you respond to the County's consultation exercise on www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk it would be helpful to us if you include us in your response office@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

By Councillor Nick Tegerdine

Police Volunteer Award

Congratulations are extended to Jean Greenwood on recently being named as the Police Volunteer of the Year. This is in acknowledgement of nearly two decades of involvement with the Police.



Jean currently serves Nottinghamshire Police as Lead Volunteer for Rushcliffe where she works alongside the Rushcliffe Neighbourhood Policing team. She has played a vital role in collating the voice of the community via community surveys which allowed uniformed police staff to conduct other community duties. Jean has been described as the volunteer equivalent of 'Dixon of Dock Green'.

Ruddington Success at the Rushcliffe Borough Community Awards.

This year five people associated with Ruddington were nominated for these annual Community awards. Two won and, of the three other nominees, two were shortlisted.

Andy Scott who has been the Club Secretary for the Ruddington Village Colts Football Club for over 15 years and has been involved with the Club for over 20 years won the **“Supporting Children and Young People”**

category. He sends his thanks to David Hall for nominating him. Andy stressed that although he was given the award it is not just for him but for the club and the volunteers as well.



Andy Scott and Colts Chairman, Nev Powell with the Community Award.

Russell Jones, who is responsible for the local detachment of the Army Cadet Force in Ruddington, as well as working with the young people on a variety of activities, was shortlisted in this category.

The **“Making Communities Safer”** award category was won by **Jean Greenwood** for her voluntary work with the Police.

In the **“Building Strong Communities”** category, **Miss Ruddington Mums**, who created the local “Ruddington Mums” Facebook page, was shortlisted.

The page is a forum to inform and promote community events and activities as well as canvassing opinions on local issues and has in excess of 500 followers.

Ken Hicks was also nominated in this category for his work with the Ruddington Branch of the British Legion.

Well done and congratulations to them all.

By Barbara Breakwell

Antiques Road Show a Big Success

On November 1st St Peter’s Rooms saw tables strewn with medals, paintings, and porcelain brought from home to be valued.

Nigel Kirk of Mellors and Kirk, Fine Art Auctioneers visited to talk about and value the antiques, giving his services free. His knowledge and humour made the evening very enjoyable.

The Rooms were full, which pleased Ruddington and District Choral Society, who were raising funds. ‘Putting on a concert costs more than we are able to make from ticket sales’, said Tony Grove, Chair of the Choir. ‘So fundraising that is fun and successful really helps.’

Nigel valued a gold pocket watch at several hundred pounds, just by feeling its weight. Elephants were strange animals to many in Britain 100 years ago, so elephant carvings were popular and were seen on several items on the table.

A supper, quiz and raffle rounded off the evening and almost £600 was raised. Thanks to Mellors and Kirk, Dibley’s Bistro and Ruddington Grange Golf Club for their support of the event.

The Choir’s December concert will be Handel’s ‘Messiah’, with the audience joining in. It will be held on Monday 16th December at St Peter’s Church, Ruddington. Tickets will be available by calling 0115 9211451

A large print copy of the Village Newsletter is available to read in the library

Cambodia Calling!!

Ruddington resident Jane Piggott, a **Save the Children** volunteer, has just returned from a visit to Cambodia to see for herself some of the work that the charity is doing there.

On 9th November, a team of 6 volunteers and one staff member headed to Phnom Penh. During a 10 day visit, the group travelled to three different provinces in Cambodia to see some of the current **Save the Children** projects; these were related to education, health provision and child protection.

Save the Children has been working in Cambodia since 1970, promoting children's access to health care and basic education, protecting children from abuse, supporting orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV, and promoting children's rights. **Save the Children's** mission is to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve lasting change for children.



Jane is a volunteer speaker for **Save the Children** and would welcome any enquiries from groups or organisations that would like to hear more about the charity's work generally or about the Cambodia visit in particular.

You can contact Jane by email at je.piggott@btinternet.com or by phone on 07790 295266.

To find out more about Save the Children's work in Cambodia and 120 other countries, including the UK, please visit the website

www.savethechildren.org.uk.

Burglary Home Security Checks now available

Every three months I attend a Police Local Neighbourhood Priority Setting Meeting to represent Ruddington. At these meetings a priority issue is identified for action for the following 3 months.

At the last meeting a key priority identified was to ask the neighbourhood policing team to focus on offences of burglary. Part of that priority action includes the offer of carrying out a free home security survey to look at your home and advise you about security measures.

If you would like to arrange for an officer to visit please telephone **101 ext 810 6145** and leave a message for the Safer Neighbourhood Team or email. **Rushcliffe.northnpa@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk**

By Barbara Breakwell

Winning Team

Not content with recently winning the Rushcliffe Area Championships, the Under 11's girls football squad from St Peter's School have now become Nottinghamshire County Champions in the English Schools F.A. Individual Schools 7 a side competition. They won the Reprotec Shield and a place in the Midlands round of the English Schools' FA. Well done to them all.

January Village Newsletter

The January Issue of the Village Newsletter should be out on Monday 6th January.

The copy deadline for the January issue is Monday 16th December 2013.

Befriending Scheme Launched in Rushcliffe

A new project has been launched to help tackle loneliness amongst older people living in Rushcliffe. Managed by Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service, Rushcliffe Befriends aims to pair up people aged 50+ who are lonely and/or finding it hard to get out and about.

The befriender, a volunteer of a similar age who'll offer them company and support, will visit the person they're supporting in their own home and help them participate in their choice of activities. This might be a coffee morning or social group gathering, an arts and crafts or exercise class, sporting activities such as bowls, or simply going for a walk or to the cinema.

Rushcliffe Befriends Coordinator, Lindsay Knott, comments: *'People can become isolated for a variety of reasons including retirement, poor physical or mental health, family and friends too far away to make regular contact, disability or mobility difficulties.*

Having the support of a befriender can help people make new friends, try out new activities beyond their four walls and can lead to increased confidence, a better quality of life and improved physical and mental health. What is really important is that this project is about older people helping other older people, and about older people making their communities a better place to live.

Rushcliffe Befriends is looking for volunteers aged 50+ to become befrienders. You just need to be able to spare 1-2 hours a week as training, support and expenses will be provided. If you'd like to be involved please contact Lindsay on 0115 969 9060 or email befriends@rushcliffecvs.org.uk. Please also get in touch if you'd like to benefit from the scheme.

By Faye Stenson

Welcome to Our New Methodist Minister



Ruddington gives a warm welcome to our new Methodist Minister, Simon Rose. Seen here with his wife, Sarah, both she and he are Nottingham born and were only married in August.

This is Simon's first church and he is by far and away the youngest minister at Ruddington Methodist Church for over 40 years. Simon's ministry also includes Bradmore and Keyworth, so I am sure all the churches look forward to Simon's time with them.

By Peter McGowan.

White Horse Changes Hands

After a 10 year stint, former leaseholders of the White Horse Inn, Tony Beecroft and Jez Curtis, handed over the reins to new owners, Andy Hunt and Abbie Clifton, on Monday 11 November. It marks the end of an era for the pub, which has seen its fortunes turned around over the last decade to become one of the village's leading hostelries, as well as the initiator of the now annual – and hugely successful – Ruddington Beer & Cider Festival.

And whilst Andy and Abbie have plans up their sleeves to build on these successes, Hoss regulars and real ale fans need not worry. Their main aim is to maintain the essence of The White Horse as a traditional, village pub and a focal point of the local community. Andy is looking to increase the number of real ales to six, with a mixture of local and national brands that rotate regularly. A new wine list and a selection of premium lagers will also be introduced.

The new owners will be making some bigger changes in the longer term, including a refurbishment programme – but NOT to the tune of £250,000 as wrongly stated in a recent Nottingham Post article! When the refurbishment takes place in the New Year, Andy and Abbie will be looking for local suppliers and tradespeople to carry out the work, and interested parties are being urged to contact them ASAP.

One particularly welcome addition will be the introduction of a brand new food offering, complete with structural and layout changes that will see the current bar area transformed into a dedicated dining area during food service times. The lounge will become the main drinking zone with a new floor and

seating arrangement, whilst the exterior Stables restaurant and Courtyard kitchen will also get a makeover and be linked to the main building with a covered walk-through.

'The menu will be based around pub classics,' says Andy. 'Fish and chips, sausage and mash and a signature White Horse burger. Everything will be home-made and we'll be sourcing from local suppliers where possible. We'll be offering traditional Sunday lunches and breakfasts at the weekend.'

In time, we'd like to have a mobile wood-fired pizza oven – perfect for catering at the beer festival and other events – and we're also looking at other activities like cookery courses and early morning coffee and cakes for mums and babies.'



Some things won't change, however. *'We'll still be holding a quiz night on Thursdays and the pool table and darts board, with free pool on Tuesdays nights, will be with us for a while yet,'* says Andy. *'In the longer term, we'll still be allowing dogs into the new bar area and, whilst children will be welcomed into the main building after the refurbishment, our regulars can rest assured that there will be strict time restrictions on this so they won't be disturbed.'*

Taking over The White Horse is a journey come full circle for Andy and Abbie. Originally from Cropwell Bishop and Bunny respectively, they lived in the village seven years ago and have recently returned to Ruddington with their three children.

Andy previously managed Nottingham hostelries Larwood & Voce and the Wollaton, and before that, ran the Lace Market Hotel including the popular Cock & Hoop pub. He's now delighted to be turning his hand to running The White Horse.

'There are strong family ties for me here – my Grandad used to drink here, my Mum and Aunt worked here and my Grandma was on the ladies' darts team!' he explains. 'I'm really looking forward to getting stuck in and maintaining The White Horse's position as the best pub in the village – and making it even better in the future. Abbie and I have lots of exciting plans for the future and we're very keen to spread the news.'

So if you have any questions or would just like a chat, please call into the Hoss or give us a call on 0115 984 4550 – we're very approachable!

Elsewhere in the village...

Changes are afoot in some of our other pubs too, with a new bar recently installed at The Red Heart and new upholstery and flooring at The Three Crowns. And as residents may have noticed, The Red Lion has joined in the refurbishments by having some external work done to upgrade its exterior walls. Lindsey Flint, Manager and Rob Pinto, Assistant Manager have now left the White Horse and have gone to the Victoria Tavern.

Armistice Day at Grenay

Parish Council Chairman Peter McGowan, with Ernie and Doreen Gadsby, visited Grenay on November 11th where Peter laid the Parish wreath at the extensive British cemetery for the dead of the First World War.



He also laid flowers at the town's war memorial and the memorial to World War 2 resistance fighters.

A visit to the computer department of the local school was organised to view the Ruddington table emblazoned with our village's coat of arms. The trip was rounded off by a visit to the Louvre museum in nearby Lens. This recently opened museum is an outpost of the Louvre Museum in Paris.

Book online for RBP

You can now book in advance to attend the Ruddington Business Partnership (RBP), a group of local businesses that meets monthly for informal networking.

RBP meets on the third Friday of each month from 8am to 9am, upstairs at Philo's. It's free to attend – just buy a drink and wander upstairs to mingle and build relationships with other

business owners from in and around the village.

To book in advance, you'll need to be added to the mailing list. Contact Shamshad Walker at shamshad@shamshadwalker.co.uk or call 0115 969 9415 and ask to be added. You'll then receive an email each month with a link to pre-book your attendance at the next RPB meeting. Don't worry if you forget to book though – it's fine to just turn up on the day.

By Faye Stenson

Thank You Community Bus

A very big thank you for our Community Bus – a door to door service. It's quite a social occasion with time for a coffee and shopping.



The drivers and escorts are always very pleasant and helpful. We are very fortunate.

A user.

What's your favourite food memory?

Everyone has special memories associated with food – perhaps eating fish and chips on a childhood trip to the seaside or trying your first ever paella on a package trip to Spain. Whatever your personal food memories, McCartney's would like to hear about them, especially if they're linked to Ruddington and its history.

Wine bar owners Nancy and Rosie McCartney have recently launched a new campaign to encourage local people to bring in their own favourite food memory recipes, with a view to including the best ones on the menu. It all started with a Goose Fair-themed initiative in October, which saw the sisters tempting customers into the restaurant to try out canapés of mini toffee apples, candy floss, doughnuts and glow sticks.

Nancy and Rosie have already collected quite a few recipes and plans are afoot for Christmas and summer themed food memories on the menu. *'We're really keen to collect more local food memories from Ruddington residents,'* says Rosie. *'So if you have a particular recipe that evokes a certain time in your life, or that brings to mind a special event in Ruddington's past, please do share it with us.'*

You can contact McCartneys on 0115 921 1350 or email food@mcartneys.co.uk.

By Faye Stenson

"Outstanding" Local Nursery.

Congratulations to Ruddington Day Nursery on Wilford Road for achieving the top grading during their recent Ofsted Inspection. Their commitment to providing childcare in and for our community has for the 3rd time been acknowledged as "outstanding".

The whole staff team have been credited in the official report for *"creating a stimulating environment, where the atmosphere is incredibly positive and encouraging"*. Well done to them and all the children who have the privilege to attend there.

Food Bank Appeal for Festive Foods

Our local Food Bank, which serves Clifton and Ruddington, has put out a call for seasonal items to include in Christmas parcels to bring some festive cheer to families facing financial pressures. Please pick up a Shopping List in the Co-op and leave your donations in the collection points in the store, at the Honeycomb, in St Peter's Rooms and St Peter's Church. Food Banks across Nottinghamshire are providing emergency food and support for local people in crisis. Money management advice and referral underpins the work of Food Banks in order to bring some stability to family finances.

Since we started collections in the village in July, over 800kg of food items have been donated to the Trussell Trust-seeded Food Bank. Parcels are packed at the Hope Church Clifton centre and include nutritionally-balanced meals for three days. Ruddington volunteers make weekly trips to deliver the non-perishable items and catch up with the team there. Co-ordinator Wendy White says: "We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Ruddington community. We really want to help anyone in the village who is missing meals in order to pay other bills."

Food Bank vouchers are issued by frontline care professionals such as doctors, teachers, family workers and religious leaders. If you are struggling to put food on the table, don't hesitate, please get in touch with Wendy White 07538 916757 or info@cliftonng11.foodbank.org.uk

Louise Third (Ruddington volunteer)

A Victorian Christmas at the Framework Knitters Museum

Come to a very special Victorian Christmas experience on Saturday 14th December 2013 from 11.00 – 5.00 at the Framework Knitters Museum on Chapel Street. Admission is free.

This is the perfect start to your Christmas celebrations. Experience this unique Victorian setting and enjoy a day packed full of family festive fun. Santa will be in attendance to welcome children to his grotto with gifts for all. Traditional music, food and activities will make this a festive day to remember.



Step back in time and explore this magical Victorian setting. Visitors after dark can enjoy the site by candlelight. The Ruddington Community Choir, the Maids of Clifton and a traditional barrel organ player will be in attendance to provide a day of festive family entertainments.

Children are invited to join the storyteller for the magical tale about the young knitters first Christmas and they can also make their own machine

knitted Christmas Sack for their presents on the big day. Roasted chestnuts and hot crumpets will help keep you warm and refreshments will be available in the Chapel.

Demonstrators will be on hand to bring the crafts of framework knitting and spinning to life and visitors are welcome to have a go on the circular knitting machines. As expected, the museum's Textile Emporium offers a wide range of Christmas gifts for all ages and budgets.

One Year of Belly Dancing

Ruddington Belly Dancing celebrated their 1 year anniversary recently with a few chocolates and plenty of shimmies. The classes are run by Josephine and Shirley each Monday night at the Framework Knitters Museum Hall, and they also run a monthly workshop with new classes planned in the new year.



It's great fun and exercise plus a great way to meet new people and gain confidence. There are lots of social aspects to Belly Dancing too with shows and nights out regularly which all the ladies enjoy.

If you want to learn the art of Belly Dancing and join this friendly class please visit Ruddington Belly Dancing facebook page or contact Josephine on 07813 183520 for more details.

“Why Hasn't Anyone Done Anything?”

Have you spotted something wrong in the village? Perhaps graffiti on a wall or a street light not working? Why not report it yourself rather than assume someone else will. The more reports that are made the quicker it might be sorted.

Litter or graffiti - contact Streetwise on 0115 981 9911 or email customerservices@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Faulty street light or traffic light, excessive weeds or plant growth on pavements, damaged pavements, flooding or drainage problems on roads - contact Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 80 80 or via www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Water Leaks – contact Severn Trent 0800 783 4444 or www.stwater.co.uk



Parish Council Surgeries

Do you have a problem you want to take up with 'the Council'? It might be the County Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council or the Parish Council. You can report most problems by phone or online but sometimes you want to talk to someone. On the second Saturday of the month (except August and December) the Parish Council hold a councillors' surgery at St. Peter's Rooms 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Ruddington Diary - Continued

Tuesday 17th December

Environment Committee - at St. Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any items on the agenda.

Tuesday 17th December

Rotary Santa Runs - Camelot Street/Clifton Lane/Packman Drive and Rufford Road.

Wednesday 18th December

Ruddington and District Probus Club - Christmas Luncheon, at Ruddington Golf Club at 12noon.

Thursday 19th December

Carol Service with Salvation Army Band - at 7pm in St. Peter's Church

Thursday 19th December

Action on Hearing Loss - Do you wear an NHS hearing aid? Come to our FREE walk-in hearing aid clinic. At St. Peter's Rooms between 11.30am and 12.30pm.

Thursday 19th December

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting - 6.30pm to 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Thursday 19th December

Rotary Santa Runs - Musters Road/Barleylands and Elms Park.

Friday 20th December

Ruddington Business Partnership - meets today at Philo's from 8am to 9am. Come along and meet other local businesses.

Sunday 22nd December

Candelight Carol Service - at 6pm in St. Peter's Church

Tuesday 24th December

Christingle Service - at 4pm in St. Peter's Church

Tuesday 24th December

Midnight Communion - at 11pm in St. Peter's Church

Tuesday 24th December

GCRN - Christmas Eve Specials, see website for details www.gcrn.co.uk

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Service - at 10am in St. Peter's Church

Thursday 26th December

Boxing Day Charity Match - for Headway, kick off at 11am at Elms Park.

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th December

GCRN - Winter Holiday Trains see website for details www.gcrn.co.uk

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Wednesday 1st January

Ruddington Local History and Amenity Society - Social evening at 8pm in St. Peter's Rooms.

Sunday 5th January

Footpaths Walk - Ruddington Footpaths Preservation Group organised. University Park and Lake plus Millennium Garden. Meet on the Green at 2.15pm.

Sunday 5th January

Tea, Coffee & Cakes - at the Education Room (near the lake), Rushcliffe Country Park from 10am to 3pm. In aid of FoRCP.

Wednesday 8th January

Ruddington W.I. "Speed Crafting" including a display of members craft work. 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Thursday 9th January

Ruddington & District Ladies Probus Club - "After the War was over" between 2pm & 4pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Thursday 9th January

Notts Wildlife Trust - "Open Wildlife Photography Evening" opportunity to see favourite photographs taken by local members of British Wildlife. At West Bridgford Methodist Church from 7.30pm. Admission fee £2.50, children free.

Saturday 11th January

Parish Council Surgery. 10am to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms. This is your opportunity to speak with your Parish, Borough and County Councillors about local issues.

Sunday 12th January

Tea, Coffee & Cakes - at the Education Room (near the lake), Rushcliffe Country Park from 10am to 3pm. In aid of FoRCP.

Tuesday 14th January

Finance & Policy Committee - meeting at St. Peter's Rooms at 7.30 pm. All committee meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any item on the agenda.

Ruddington Diary

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Tuesday 3rd December

Amenities Committee - at St. Peter's Rooms commencing at 7.30 pm. All meetings are open to the public where you can raise your views on any items on the agenda.

Wednesday 4th December

Ruddington Local History and Amenity Society - "Food and Drink in Tudor and Stuart Nottingham" 8pm at St. Peter's Rooms

Wednesday 4th December

Ruddington & District Probus Club - RAF Melton - Suppliers of aircraft to the world, at Ruddington Golf Club 12noon.

Thursday 5th December

Notts Wildlife Trust - Talk by Dennis Heffernan on the history of our reserves and why they are vital to wildlife conservation. At West Bridgford Methodist Church from 7.30pm. Admission fee £2.50, children free.

Friday 6th December

Ruddington Gardeners' Association - Christmas Social Evening at the Hermitage 7pm for 7.30pm

Sunday 8th December

Children's Market - Nearly New Sale - at St. Peter's Rooms from 2pm to 4pm.

Tuesday 10th December

Rattle, Rhyme and Roll - in the Ruddington Library. Have fun with your little ones for under 5's and meet other parents and make new friends. The sessions are free and no booking required. Call 0115 9212309 for more information.

Tuesday 10th December

Scrabble - In Ruddington Library 2pm to 4pm. All players welcomed

Tuesday 10th December

Rotary Santa Run - Churchill Drive/Old Station Road and Pastures Lane.

Wednesday 11th December

Ruddington Women's Institute - "Christmas Party" with competition "A Festive Napkin Ring" 7.15pm at St. Peter's Rooms

Thursday 12th December

Festive, Fun Bistro Night - At Philo's Ruddington, join us for a welcome drink, delicious homemade two course meal and a fantastic fun quiz. Booking essential call 0115 914 4440, £12.95 per person, vegetarian option available.

Thursday 12th December

Ruddington & District Ladies Probus Club - Tony Horton "Christmas No.1's" between 2pm & 4pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Saturday 14th December

Parish Council Surgery. 10am to 12 noon at St. Peter's Rooms. This is your opportunity to speak with your Parish, Borough and County Councillors about local issues.

Saturday 14th December

Brownies Coffee Morning - at St. Peter's Rooms 9am to 1pm.

Saturday 14th December

Victorian Christmas - at the Framework Knitters Museum. A Victorian themed day of festive fun for all the family. Free Admission.

Sunday 15th December

Tea, Coffee & Cakes - at the Education Room (near the lake), Rushcliffe Country Park from 10am to 3pm. In aid of FoRCP.

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